GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Reserve Land
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the different categories of reserved land in the country;
(b) the areas under the different categories of reserved land in the country, State/UT-wise;
(c) the reserved land areas presently occupied by illegal encroachers in the country, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government has decided to evict these illegal encroachers out of the reserved land, if so, the progress in eviction of these illegal dwellers across the country, State-wise; and
(e) whether the Government has any proposal to rehabilitate these illegal dwellers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIORNMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) The subject "Land" is under State List and the classification of different categories of Reserved Land as well as areas under the different categories of Reserve Land in the country is not maintained by the Ministry. However, India State of Forest Report published by Forest Survey of India, Dehradun gives detailed information about Recorded Forest Areas (RFA) classified into Reserved Forest (RF), Protected Forest (PF) and Unclassed Forest. The State/UT wise details as per India State of Forest Report 2015 (ISFR 2015) are given in Annexure-I.

(c) As per the reports received from State/UT Governments, the details of forest areas under encroachment are given in Annexure-II.

(d)&(e) Protection and management of forests are primarily the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Government. Hence, the action to remove encroachment is taken as per the provisions of various acts such as Indian Forest Act, 1927; Wildlife Protection Act, 1972; Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and various rules & regulations thereof. Further, there is no proposal with the Ministry to rehabilitate these illegal dwellers/encroachers.

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